

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15 were previously pending in the application. Claim 12 is canceled; claim 10 is amended; and new claims 16-21 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-11 and 13-21 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

Specification:

The specification is amended to correct inadvertent typographical errors. In addition, on pages 5 and 8, certain reference numerals in the description have been corrected to match the labels used in Fig. 12.

Claims:

Claims 1-6 and 15 are allowed. In paragraph 1, the Examiner rejected claims 10-11 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carr. In paragraph 2, the Examiner objected to claim 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all now-pending claims are allowable over Carr.


Support for new claims 16-21 can be found, e.g., in Applicant's Fig. 1 and the corresponding text. Since original claims 7-9 and new claims 17-21 depend variously from allowed claim 1, the Applicant submits that those claims are allowable. Since new claim 16 depends from allowed claim 15, it is further submitted that claim 16 is allowable as well.

Amended claim 10 is equivalent to original claim 12 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that amended claim 10 is allowable. Since claims 11 and 13-14 depend variously from claim 10, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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